

REMARKS

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the careful review of this application. Claims 1-20 remain pending upon entry of this amendment. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks submitted in support thereof. The current status of the claims is summarized below.

Claims 1-20 have been amended to further clarify the invention.

Claims 1 – 20 are pending after entry of this amendment.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101:

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 101 as they were directed to a non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1-8 were amended to direct the claims to a statutory subject matter. Based on the amendment, the Applicants request the withdrawal of the rejection.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a):

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Mehta et al., U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0131404 (hereinafter Mehta) in view of Kloba et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,341,316 (hereinafter Kloba). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of these rejections in light of the amendments and arguments contained herein.

Independent claims 1, 9 and 17 have been amended to further clarify the invention. The claimed embodiments of the present invention provide a mechanism for communication between client devices and a provisioning server for provisioning services. Among other features, as further clarified by the amended claims, embodiments of the present invention define a provisioning application that includes a delivery transaction that

allows a client device to restrict granularity of provisioning services received from the provisioning server. By restricting the granularity of provisioning services requested from the provisioning server, optimal use of data bandwidth is achieved and the client device has more control in defining the list of properties that the client device needs/wishes to discover. (*See page 16, lines 1-28*). As can be seen, this provides more control to the client device in requesting and receiving appropriate provisional services from the provisional server.

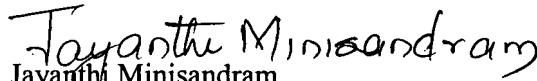
Mehta teaches using Mobile Application System (MAS) that provides information related to services available to a particular client device. The client device in Mehta does not have the option of restricting granularity of what services the client device wishes to discover and receive from the server which may lead to wasted bandwidth. The client device in Mehta is more like a slave device wherein the client device receives information related to all services available to the client device. This is contrary to the claimed invention where the client device restricts the granularity of the provisioning services that the client device wishes to discover and receive from the Provisioning server. Thus, Mehta does not suggest or teach each and every element of the claimed invention as amended.

The Office relies on Kloba to provide the synchronization of the client device with the server. Kloba teaches enabling web content to be loaded on mobile devices so that the users of the mobile devices will be able to operate with the web contents in an interactive manner. Kloba may use synchronization operation to synchronize the data on the client device with that on the server. However, Kloba does not suggest or teach the feature of allowing the client device to restrict granularity of provisioning services requested from the provisioning server.

Based on the arguments presented, the Applicants submit that amended independent claims 1, 9, and 17 are patentable over Mehta in view of Kloba and request the withdrawal of the 103 rejection. Claims 2-8, 10-16 and 18-20 are dependent on the amended independent claims. Based on the above arguments for independent claims 1, 9 and 17, Applicants submit that the dependent claims 2-8, 10-16, and 18-20 are patentable over Mehta and request the withdrawal of the 103 rejections.

Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present Amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 774-6905. If any other fees are due in connection with filing this Amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. SUNMP155). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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